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DATES

September

Tuesday 1st—Inset Day School closed to pupils

Wed 2nd—School opens for pupils

Sept 24th - FoWSs Meeting after Celebration Assembly

October

24th October last day of Autumn 1 term

Term Dates Available on School Website

Please ensure holidays are booked outside of term times because we teach new content every single day

Farewell and Thank You

I have been deeply moved by the lovely comments from so many people and by the wonderful celebration assembly yesterday. I always knew that this day would come, but in the frenetic pace of school life, it seems to have arrived far more quickly than I would have liked.

I was incredibly touched by the generous gifts and feel truly humbled by your kindness and generosity.

Whitley is unique in so many ways, and it has been an absolute privilege to work with such an amazing team and to be part of the Whitley family. Our daily conversations and strong sense of community have been a poignant reminder that connection, belonging, and genuine care for one another can still be found and nurtured.

I know that my time at the tiller is coming to an end, but I leave knowing that our school is in the hands of an incredible team who will continue to support and inspire our amazing children. I have spent many hours working with Mrs Downey on our succession planning, and I know she is passionate about continuing our relentless mission to make Whitley the very best it can be. We are also grateful that Mrs Broom will continue to offer both support and challenge in her role as Deputy Director of Primary Education.

Farewells are never easy when you have had the privilege of working in such an amazing place. I will miss all of you, but most of all, I will miss the opportunity to speak life into your children each day and to tell them how wonderful, capable, and special they are.

Thank you for your friendship, your support, and for allowing me to be part of such a remarkable community. Whitley will always hold a very special place in my heart.

With my sincere thanks and best wishes,

Russell David

Headteacher

Goodbye Year 6

As we say farewell to our Year 6 children, we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. Their excellent SATs results reflect their hard work, determination and resilience, especially considering the significant Covid-19 disruption they experienced during their Reception and Year 1 years. Beyond their academic success, they leave us as kind, confident and caring young people who have been a credit to our school. We wish them every success and happiness in the next stage of their journey. Thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families whose encouragement has helped make these achievements possible. Good luck, Year 6, we are proud of you and know you have a bright future ahead.





Scottish Dancers Shine at the White Rose Festival Thanks to Dedicated Support

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Miss Keegan for giving up her time and working last Saturday so that our Scottish Dancing Group could attend the White Rose Scottish Dancing Festival. Her commitment and support made it possible for our dancers to enjoy this wonderful opportunity and represent the school so proudly.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the families of our dancers. Thank you for bringing the children along, supporting the event, and helping to make it such an enjoyable and successful day for everyone involved. Your encouragement and dedication are greatly appreciated

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School Games Gold Mark Award



are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year .

We are delighted to announce that Whitley Village School have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we

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READ to the BEAT

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.



PLUS a chance to win a trophy for your school

- A trophy will be awarded to the school with the most number of completers in each local area

... and a Karaoke machine!

- All completers of the Challenge will be entered into their library's prize draw.



Visit your local library or go online at cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/read to get started from Saturday 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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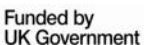
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Mr David and school parliament would like to say thank you to parents for bringing in cakes for the bake sale. We successfully raised 120 pounds. We hope everyone enjoyed their cake. Thank you for bringing your money to buy a cake. That money is really important because we will be sending that money to charity. The charity we are giving the money to is the Joshua Tree and The Christie, which is a hospital. Last Friday was the best day!

(Written by School Parliament Member)





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